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SUBJ: APOLLO COMMAND MODULE FOR STUTTGART PLANETARIUM

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1. FOR THE PAST SEVEN MONTHS THE CONSULATE GENERAL HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION TO FULFILL THE REQUEST OF THE STUTTGART PLANETARIUM FOR THE LONG TERM LOAN OF A NASA SPACE CAPSULE. IN JANUARY 1977, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED BETWEEN THE SMITHSONIAN AND THE STUTTGART PLANETARIUM FOR THE LONG TERM (NOT LESS THAN 25 YEARS) LOAN OF AN APOLLO COMMAND MODULE, FOR WHICH ALL CONCERNED IN STUTTGART ARE VERY GRATEFUL.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO REQUEST A JOINT STATE/DOD AGREEMENT TO ALLOW FOR SHIPMENT OF THE MODULE, PRESENTLY AT EGLIN AFB IN FLORIDA, TO GERMANY VIA MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND. AT PRESENT THE SMITHSONIAN IS UNABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS SHIPPING CHARGES. A AS THE MODULE IS NOT REQUIRED IN
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STUTTGART UNTIL 1 MAY, I HOPE AN ARRANGEMENT FOR SOME SORT OF SPACE-AVAILABLE TRANSPORTATION CAN BE ARRANGED. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES A JOINT STATE/DOD AGREEMENT CAN WAIVE NORMAL MAC CHARGES.

3. I BELIEVE IT IS IN THE US INTEREST TO ARRANGE SUCH SHIPMENT IN THIS CASE. THE ZEISS COMPANY, LOCATED IN THE STUTTGART

GART CONSULAR DISTRICT, DONATED, IN COOPERATION WITH THE GERMAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, A \$1 MILLION PLANETARIUM TO THE NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THE PLANETARIUM WAS FORMALLY PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT FORD ON JULY 4 BY CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AS A BICENTENNIAL GIFT. SHIPMENT WAS PROVIDED BY THE GERMANS. AFTER THE LENGTHY EFFORT WE HAVE MADE TO ARRANGE FOR THE RECIPROCAL LOAN TO STUTTGART PLANETARIUM OF THE APOLLO MODULE, I THINK IT APPROPRIATE TO ALSO PROVIDE AT LEAST THE MAJOR PROPORTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION. IF EVEN A PARTIAL SHIPMENT COULD BE PROVIDED, PERHAPS TO RAMSTEIN, LOCAL AUTHORITIES WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE OVER THE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS, AND GERMAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS WOULD BE ENHANCED.

4. THE SECOND WEEK OF MAY WILL BE GERMAN-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP WEEK IN STUTTGART, AT WHICH TIME STUTTGART WILL ALSO BE HOST TO THE FEDERAL GARDEN-SHOW, AN EXHIBITION OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE IN GERMANY. IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE IF SHIPMENT COULD BE ARRANGED SO AS TO ALLOW FORMAL PRESENTATION AT THAT TIME. THE PRESENTATION, POSSIBLY BY AMBASSADOR STOESEL, GENERAL HUYSER, DEPUTY CINCEUR, AND MYSELF, WOULD BE OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE IF WE WERE ABLE TO PRESENT THE APOLLO MODULE TRANSPORTATION INCLUDED, AND WOULD BE A CONCRETE SYMBOL OF OUR COOPERATION IN SPACE FLIGHT EFFORTS.

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